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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the title of the invention to read "MULTI-FUNCTIONAL PORT".

Page 1, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

The disclosure relates generally to implantable ports. The disclosure relates more particularly to a catheterizable, multi-functional subcutaneous port utilizing a self-sealing septum for delivery and/or collection of drugs and/or bodily fluids and an implantation method.

Page 8, line 7, please amend as follows:

FIGS. 3(a)-(d) (e) show side views depicting various stages of assembly of an example of a subcutaneous port in accord with the present concepts.

Page 23, please amend the second full paragraph as follows:

The purpose of the above description and examples is to illustrate some aspects of the present disclosure without implying any limitation. It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that various modifications and variations may be made to the device and method of the present disclosure without departing from the spirit or scope thereof. For example, despite the obvious advantages provided by the disclosed subcutaneous port 100, which is modular or multi-functional, the overall profile of the subcutaneous port is itself advantageous for the reasons disclosed and the present concepts expressly include unitary preconfigured subcutaneous ports (i.e. non-modular or uni-functional) having the overall shape of the disclosed subcutaneous port. For example, the disclosed subcutaneous port may be provided in a disposable form with a pre-

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selected and pre-configured catheter and septum so that surgeons, veterinarians, or lab technicians do not have to assemble the subcutaneous port.